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Ceskomoravská Kolben Danek at Smecno

1. A branch factory of the Ceskomoravska Kolben Danek National Corporation is under construction about 3 km. north of Smecno (N51/L49) and 3 km west of Slany (N51/L50). When completed, the plant will produce armored cars of an unspecified type. Full production is scheduled to begin at the end of October 1950.
2. The following parts of the plant were completed as of June 1950:
 - a. Assembly shop.
 - b. Rolling shop for caterpillar tracks.
 - c. Shop for control of armor plate.
 - d. Testing room for armor plate and tracks.
 - e. Welding shop.
 - f. Ball bearing and chassis shop.
 - g. Water reservoir.
 - h. Crane columns.
3. The administration buildings are made of iron and concrete and the shops are made of steel. Electric current is to be taken from the power lines running from Kladno (N51/L59) to Slany. The plant will employ 6,000 workers.

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Parts Factory at Babi near Nachod

4. A factory which makes parts for airplanes is located at Babi near Nachod (051/G93). Formerly a textile plant called the Katzau S. Tepna Cotton Factory, National Corporation, it was converted to the production of airplane parts at the end of 1948. Production began in 1949. In June 1950, 4,000 persons, working in three shifts per day, were employed there making blocks, gear boxes, and compressors.

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